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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on
May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination
of a utility or plant application filed on or after
June 8, 1995

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| Application Number | 10/007,178 |
| Filing Date | December 4, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | VAN I. DOESBURG |
| Group Art Unit | 1711 |
| Examiner Name | Sergent |
| Attorney Docket Number | 20150-0530 (45882-265681) |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)
for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ Checks in the amount of \$385 and 55 are enclosed for the following fees:
- i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 11-0855

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